

2015 TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

www.co.weber.ut.us/Clerk_Auditor/tax_relief.php



Weber County property owners may be eligible for one or more of the tax relief programs listed below. Please refer to each of the different programs for specific information, qualifications and required documentation needed to process your application. Application forms are available at the Weber County Clerk/Auditor's office or may be accessed online at www.co.weber.ut.us/Clerk_Auditor/tax_relief.php. Please contact the Clerk/Auditor's office at (801) 399-8400 if you have any questions.

1. Deployed Military Personnel

- Beginning in 2015, military personnel who were deployed for 200 days (consecutive or cumulative) may be eligible for tax relief. Please contact our office for more information.

2. Veteran with Disabilities

Eligibility

- Be a veteran having a service-connected disability, or the unmarried surviving spouse or minor orphan child of a veteran who has a service-connected disability, or who died in the line of duty.
- An unmarried spouse or minor orphan must submit an affidavit and letter from the VA stating your relation to the veteran and the disability rating.
- Have a disability rating of 10% or greater.
- Must be a recorded owner of the property as of January 1, 2015.
- For real property, your home must be your primary residence.
- Provide, or have on record with our office, documentation from the military showing your percentage of disability.
- File an application with the County Clerk/Auditor no later than December 31, 2015. *
- If the property is held in a Trust, a copy of the Trust Agreement is required.
- For personal property, the personal property tax notice, or vehicle registration must be presented to the Clerk/Auditor's office for processing.

Benefit

- Up to \$252,126 in taxable value of real and/or personal property is exempt from taxation.
- The amount of exemption varies based on the percentage of service-connected disability.

3. Blind

Eligibility

- Be considered legally blind, or be the unmarried surviving spouse, or minor orphan of a deceased blind person.
- An unmarried spouse or minor orphan must submit an affidavit stating they are the surviving spouse or minor orphan of a deceased blind claimant.
- First-time applicants must submit a statement signed by a licensed ophthalmologist.
- Must be a recorded owner of the property as of January 1, 2015.
- For real property, your home must be your primary residence.
- File an application with the County Clerk/Auditor no later than December 31, 2015. *
- If the property is held in a Trust, a copy of the Trust Agreement is required.
- For personal property, the personal property tax notice or vehicle registration must be presented to the Clerk/Auditor's office for processing.

Benefit

- Up to \$11,500 in taxable value of real and/or personal property is exempt from taxation.

4. Circuit Breaker (Homeowners and Renters)

Eligibility

- Must be a recorded owner of the property as of January 1, 2015.
- Must live in the State of Utah for the entire calendar year of 2015.
- Be of age 66 prior to December 31, 2015 **OR** be an unmarried widow or widower of any age.
- 2014 total gross household income cannot exceed \$31,702.00. **
- Applicant must not be claimed as a personal exemption on any other individual's tax return.
- File an application with the County Clerk/Auditor no later than December 31, 2015. *
- All financial information requested must be included with your application.

Documents Required

- A 2015 Tax Relief application. Please be sure to complete all applicable sections and sign.
- A copy of the 2014 annual statement of benefits (form SSA-1099) for each household member who received Social Security.
- A complete copy of your 2014 Federal Income Tax Return (form 1040 or 1040A), including all attachments and schedules.
- If you did not file a 2014 Federal Income Tax Return, please send copies of all 1099 forms that were received for social security, pensions, bank interest, dividends and any other payments or income received by all members residing in the household for 2014.
- If the property is held in a Trust, a copy of the Trust Agreement is required.
- If under age 66, a copy of spouse's death certificate will need to be included.

Benefit

For Homeowner

- A 20% reduction of value and a credit of up to \$939.00 against taxes due on an applicant's primary residence. (Amount of credit depends on income.)

For Renter

- You may qualify for a refund of a portion of rent paid in 2014 (this includes space rental for mobile home owners). Please contact The Utah State Tax Commission for information and forms for this program. (801) 297-7705.

5. Abatement (Extreme Financial Hardship or Medical Disability)

Eligibility

- Must be a recorded owner of the property as of January 1, 2015.
- Live in the residence for which relief is requested for at least 10 months in 2015.
- 2014 total gross household income cannot exceed \$31,702.00. **
- File an application with the County Clerk/Auditor by December 31, 2015. *
- Attach all financial information requested. (Refer to 'Circuit Breaker Documents Required' above)
- If the property is held in a Trust, a copy of the Trust Agreement is required.

For Extreme Hardship - Will require a letter to the Commission detailing the reasons for financial hardship. *

For Medical Disability - Will require a letter from a physician stating the nature and extent of the disability. *

Abatement Benefit - A credit of up to \$939.00 but not more than 50% of current year tax due after deduction of any other applicable property tax assistance.

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** Amount is tentative until approved by the Utah State Legislature in the 2015 session.